

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 101

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to recognize Kirby Building Systems, LLC, on its sixtieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those corporate citizens of this State that are marking illustrious occasions; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding company is Kirby Building Systems, LLC, which is located in Portland and this year will mark the sixtieth anniversary of its founding; and

WHEREAS, established in Houston, Texas, in 1955 as a general contracting business, the firm quickly evolved to specialize in the fabrication and sale of its own line of steel buildings and became known as Mes-Tex Steel Buildings. The firm grew successful during the 1960s and, in 1966, the company was purchased by Kirby Industries and renamed Kirby Building Systems, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the 1970s brought national expansion and the establishment of the company's second plant, located in Portland, Tennessee, which would become its point of product distribution for the eastern areas of the United States. It was around this time that the company was acquired by a Kuwaiti-owned conglomerate that focused on establishing the manufacturing and marketing of Kirby steel buildings in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, the parent company divested all U.S. holdings, and a Kirby management team reacquired all associated assets of the company, which included plants in Houston, Texas; Spanish Fork, Utah; Portland, Tennessee; and its corporate headquarters. By the end of that year, all of the company's assets and functions were consolidated at its Tennessee facility; and

WHEREAS, since that time, Portland has been the hub of this outstanding company, supplying custom-engineered, high-quality, and cost-effective metal building systems worldwide.

Acquired in 2007 by steel industry leader Nucor Corporation, the company was renamed Kirby Building Systems, LLC; and

WHEREAS, today, Kirby is an industry leader that ranks as one of the top ten manufacturers of metal buildings in the world; and

WHEREAS, at its 260,000-square-foot plant and office facility, Kirby Building Systems is fueled by a loyal, dedicated Tennessee workforce of more than 240 people who combine superb engineering skills with a matchless manufacturing process and masterful marketing strategies to reach and serve thirty-five states, Great Britain, Africa, South America, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean region; and

WHEREAS, Kirby Building Systems is an outstanding company that is an economic engine for this State, and it is fitting that it be recognized on the occasion of marking sixty years in continuous business and more than forty years of manufacturing in the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and congratulate Kirby Building Systems, LLC, on its sixtieth anniversary, thank its corporate and manufacturing workforce for the superb quality of its products, and extend our best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.